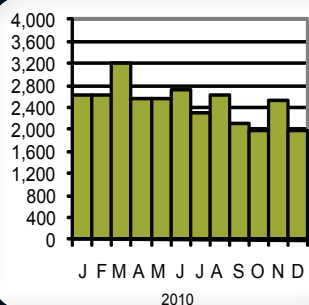


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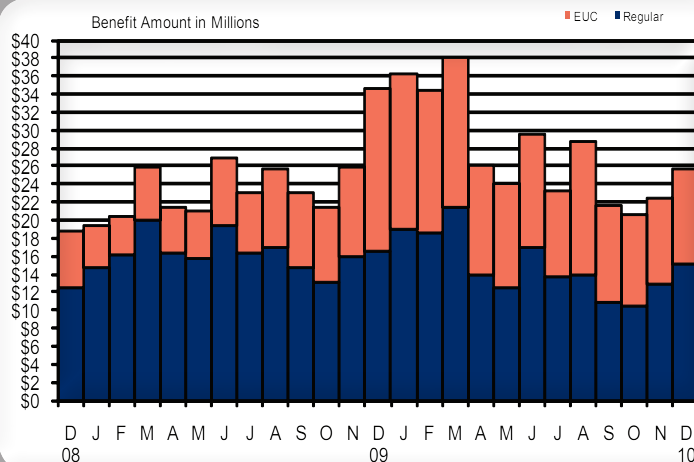
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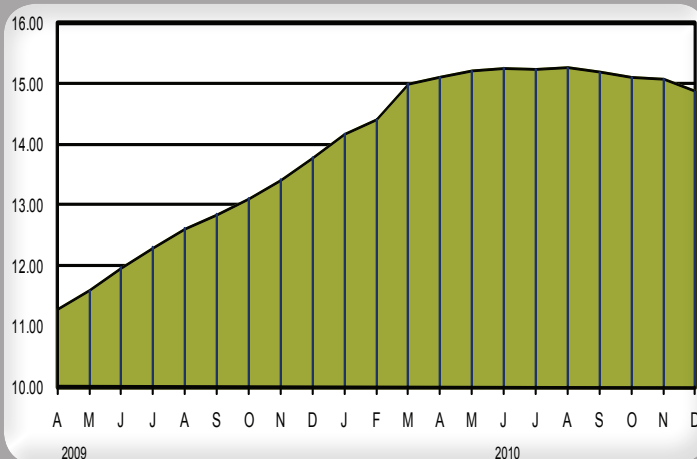
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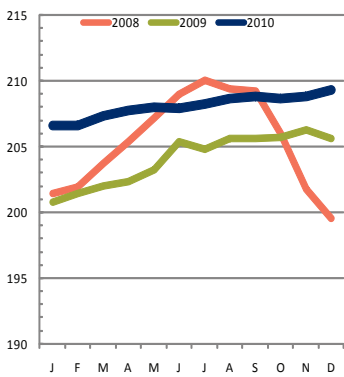
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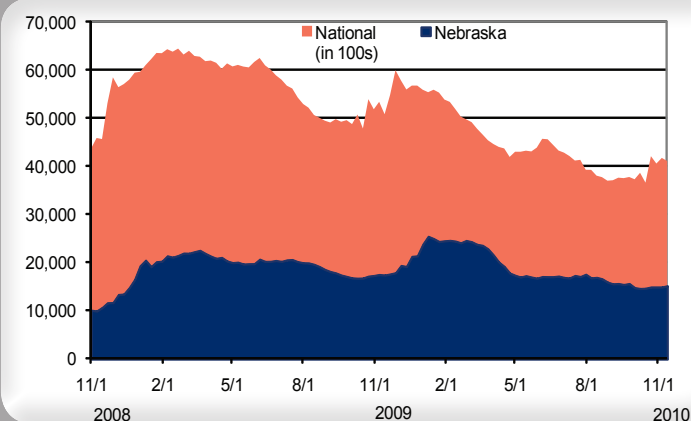
AVERAGE DURATION OF CLAIMS (WEEKS)  
FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN NEBRASKA



CPI - MIDWEST URBAN: ALL  
ITEMS NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



NUMBER OF BENEFITS WEEKS CLAIMED:  
NEBRASKA VS NATIONAL



Unemployment Insurance data was up over the month and down over the year in the state of Nebraska for December of 2010. A major reason for the upward tick in claims in December was seasonal layoffs. In the month of December we usually see an increase in layoffs from lawn care and construction businesses. Due to the seasonal layoffs in December initial claims totaled 12,521, an increase of 2,909 claims over the month, and a decrease of 3,883 claims over the year. Unemployment weeks claimed were 75,905 in December, an increase of 7,376 weeks claimed over the month, and a decrease of 13,030 weeks claimed over the year. The amount of weeks of unemployment compensated in December totaled 61,305, an increase of 490 weeks compensated over the month, and a decrease of 11,196 weeks compensated over the year. First payments for unemployment insurance were 5,383 claims in December, an increase of 1,402 claims over the month, and a decrease of 24 claims over the year. Final payments totaled 1,996 claims in December, a decrease of 526 claims over the month, as well as a decrease of 496 claims over the year. The average weekly benefit amount in December was \$252.23, a decrease of \$15.60 over the month, as well as a decrease of \$.02 over the year. In November a special onetime payment of federal additional compensation (FAC) money was made because the FAC program was suspended for several months. Federal additional compensation was an extra \$25 dollars that was added to all unemployment insurance checks as part of the stimulus package. At the end of November 2010, the Nebraska Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance was \$231,272,151. Employer contributions in November totaled \$12,841,371, bringing the year to date total for employer contributions to 198,470,201. Benefits paid totaled \$12,992,264 in November, and year to date the Nebraska unemployment insurance trust fund has paid out \$160,997,001 in benefits.



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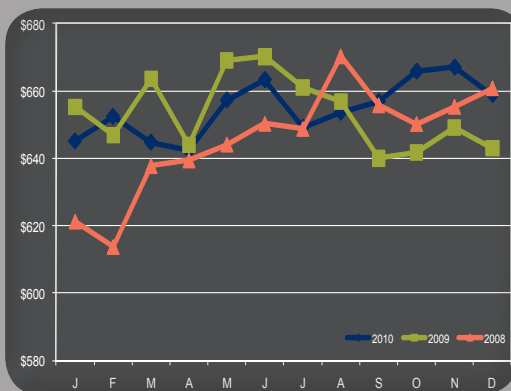
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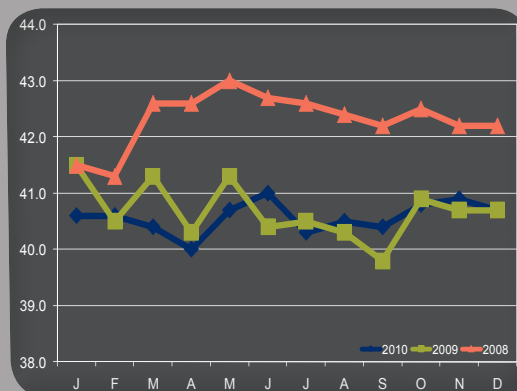
### Reported Website Activity from NEWorks

Total number of Individuals that Registered	4,966
Total number of Individuals that Logged in	10,235
Total number of Distinct Individuals Receiving Services	19,825
Total number of Services Provided to Individuals	101,688
Total number of Internal Job Orders Created	1,464
Total number of Internal Job Referrals Created	14,123
Total number of Services Provided Employers	38

NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING  
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS



NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING  
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS



NEBRASKA JOBS: GAINS & LOSSES BY INDUSTRY

	Number of Workers			Over the Month		Over the Year	
	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Numeric Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>950,953</b>	<b>953,236</b>	<b>940,964</b>	<b>-2,283</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>	<b>9,989</b>	<b>1.06%</b>
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>43,872</b>	<b>46,150</b>	<b>45,036</b>	<b>-2,278</b>	<b>-4.94%</b>	<b>-1,164</b>	<b>-2.58%</b>
Construction	42,907	45,036	44,817	-2,129	-4.73%	-1,910	-4.26%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,439	8,491	7,428	-1,052	-12.39%	11	0.15%
Specialty Trade Contractors	26,578	27,450	28,360	-872	-3.18%	-1,782	-6.28%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>93,305</b>	<b>92,183</b>	<b>93,104</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>0.22%</b>
Durable Goods	41,936	41,611	41,804	325	0.78%	132	0.32%
Non-Durable Goods	51,369	50,572	51,300	797	1.58%	69	0.13%
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>201,297</b>	<b>199,149</b>	<b>199,628</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>0.84%</b>
Wholesale Trade	38,800	38,821	40,193	-21	-0.05%	-1,393	-3.47%
Retail Trade	110,217	108,394	107,838	1,823	1.68%	2,379	2.21%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	52,280	51,934	51,597	346	0.67%	683	1.32%
<b>Information</b>	<b>17,066</b>	<b>17,026</b>	<b>17,237</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>-0.99%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>67,117</b>	<b>67,217</b>	<b>67,597</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.15%</b>	<b>-480</b>	<b>-0.71%</b>
Finance and Insurance	58,408	58,601	58,610	-193	-0.33%	-202	-0.34%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8,709	8,616	8,987	93	1.08%	-278	-3.09%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>102,709</b>	<b>102,250</b>	<b>97,704</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>0.45%</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>5.12%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	41,720	41,477	41,482	243	0.59%	238	0.57%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	16,694	16,584	16,909	110	0.66%	-215	-1.27%
Admin & Support & Waste Mngmt & Remdtn Svcs	44,295	44,189	39,313	106	0.24%	4,982	12.67%
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>140,171</b>	<b>140,653</b>	<b>137,245</b>	<b>-482</b>	<b>-0.34%</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>2.13%</b>
Educational Services	20,721	21,520	18,623	-799	-3.71%	2,098	11.27%
Health Care and Social Assistance	119,450	119,133	118,622	317	0.27%	828	0.70%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>79,219</b>	<b>81,319</b>	<b>77,966</b>	<b>-2,100</b>	<b>-2.58%</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>1.61%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,924	11,608	11,330	-684	-5.89%	-406	-3.58%
Accommodation and Food Services	68,295	69,711	66,636	-1,416	-2.03%	1,659	2.49%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>35,616</b>	<b>35,936</b>	<b>35,316</b>	<b>-320</b>	<b>-0.89%</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.85%</b>
Repair and Maintenance	9,053	9,204	8,755	-151	-1.64%	298	3.40%
Personal and Laundry Services	8,057	7,991	7,802	66	0.83%	255	3.27%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Profssnl, & Sim Orgs	18,506	18,741	18,759	-235	-1.25%	-253	-1.35%
<b>Government</b>	<b>170,581</b>	<b>171,353</b>	<b>170,131</b>	<b>-772</b>	<b>-0.45%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0.26%</b>
Federal Government	16,505	16,341	16,438	164	1.00%	67	0.41%
State Government	42,270	42,081	42,652	189	0.45%	-382	-0.90%
Local Government	111,806	112,931	111,041	-1,125	-1.00%	765	0.69%

## Layoffs and Closures

Establishment	Location	Workers Affected
Husqvarna*	Beatrice	390
ALCO Discount Store*	Nebraska City	7
Principle Financial Group	Grand Island	25

Note: \* Indicates Closure  
Source: Rapid Reponse Program

## Hours & Earnings

The Manufacturing sector in Nebraska saw a decrease in average weekly hours of 0.2 to 40.7 hours since last month and no increase or decrease since December 2009. The average weekly earnings decreased from November to December by \$8.15. Over the year average weekly earnings increased by \$15.87 in Manufacturing.

## Industry Employment

Over the month, the largest increase in employment for private industries occurred in Trade Transportation and Utilities with 2,148 jobs, or 1.08%. The second largest increase occurred in Manufacturing with 1,122 jobs gained (1.22%). Professional and Business Services was the only other sector to see growth over the month with an addition of 459 jobs.